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1. It is believed that MAO Tse-tung makes his own interpretation of Marxist doctrines and therefore the non-communist Chinese liberals are still hopeful for the future.
2. MAO Tse-tung has announced that analysis shows Chinese agricultural feudalism is next to pass through a type of capitalism, a first step which may take 30 to 100 years, after which it will move on to true communism. According to MAO, this is right for China, although the Soviet interpretation, which is different, is correct for the Soviet Union.\*
3. The Soviets have never seriously considered the Chinese Communist government, which is improper in structure and behavior, as being capable of organization. They do not believe the Chinese Communist North China Government (Jen Kin Cheng Fu) to be proper in the Soviet sense.
4. Immediately prior to the departure of Soviet Consul Tikhvinsky from Peiping he stated that his leaving was not important and that it was merely to avoid high praise and special treatment from the Chinese Communists which might be misinterpreted by some as de facto recognition of the Chinese Communists by the Soviets.

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Comment. Communism in China is not pure Marxism, Leninism or Stalinism; it may perhaps be Titoism. The requirement of slavish devotion to the party line is not likely to be met. This may account for the present dissatisfaction.

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